(c) the basis on which they are appointed?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) From January 2001 to September 2001, this Ministry has approved the engagement of five advocates/Law Firm namely M/s Powell, Goldstein, Frazer and Murphy LLP, Attroneys Washington, Prof. F. Roesseller, Geneva, M/s Thomas and Partners, Shri Krishnan Venugopal and M/s S.O. Ajayi & Co., Lagos to plead the cases on behalf of the Government of India in foreign courts/ forums. The advocates have been appointed on the recommendation made by the concerned administrative Ministry.

Criteria for opening fast track courts

846. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Courts intended to be opened under the scheme and the number of such courts, so far opened in each State:

(b) the criteria adopted for opening of such courts; and

(c) the number of undertrials in each State as on September 1st, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) As per the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission, 1734 Fast Track Courts are to be set up by the State Governments under the scheme. The number of courts set up in each State is as per Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) It is for the State Government in consultation with the respective High Court to set up such courts depending upon the pendency of cases and other related factors. However, these courts are expected to focus on the disposal of long pending cases, priority being given to sessions cases and cases involving undertrials in jails. Each court is expected to dispose of 14 sessions cases or 25 other criminal/civil cases per month.

(c) As per the lastest statistics with the National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs the number of undertrials State-wise in different jails at the end of 1999 is as per Statement-II.

Statement-I

No. of Fast Track Courts set-up by various States in the country

Sl. No.	Name of High Court	No. of courts notified
1.	Andhra Pradesh	42
2.	Arunchal Pradesh	3
3.	Assam	15
4.	Bihar	183
5.	Chhattisgarh	29
6.	Goa	—
7.	Gujarat	—
8.	Haryana	12
9.	Andhra Pradesh	—
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	43
11.	Jharkhand	—
12.	Karnataka	13
13.	Kerala	1
14.	Madhya Pradesh	85
15.	Maharashtra	94
16.	Manipur	2
17.	Meghalaya	3
18.	Mizoram	3
19.	Nagaland	2
20.	Orissa	19
21.	Punjab	—
22.	Rajasthan	40
23.	Sikkim	—
24.	Tamil Nadu	30
25.	Tripura	3
26.	Uttaranchal	45
27.	Uttar Pradesh	182
28.	West Bengal	13
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Statement-II

Number of undertrials in different Jails at the end of 1999

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Undertrials
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8557
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—
3.	Assam	4390
4.	Bihar	39449
5.	Goa	288
6.	Gujarat	4879
7.	Haryana	6015
8.	Himachal Pradesh	392
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	1189
10.	Karnataka	6780
11.	Kerala	3390
12.	Madhya Pradesh	18501
13.	Maharashtra	13960
14.	Manipur	323
15.	Meghalaya	574
16.	Mizoram	486
17.	Nagaland	775
18.	Orissa	8009
19.	Punjab	7430
20.	Rajasthan	6772
21.	Sikkim	85
22.	Tamil Nadu	9289
23.	Tripura	672
24.	Uttar Pradesh	44269
25.	West Bengal	8529
	TOTAL (STATES):	195003
26.	A & N Islands	211
27.	Chandigarh	291
28.	D &N Haveli	39
29.	Daman and Diu	28
30.	Delhi	8776
31.	Lakshadweep	0
32.	Pondicherry	132
	TOTAL (UT)	9477
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	2,04,480

SOURCE : PRISON STATISTICS IN INDIA 1999.